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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR GOOD OFFICES ON BEHALF AMERICANS IN UGANDA

REF: STATE 042666

1. IN INTERESTS SPEED, AND SINCE MINISTERS CURRENTLY TIED UP IN WEEKLY CABINET MEETING, I SAW FONOFF U/SEC HASHIM OSMAN ON UGANDA PROBLEM 0900 ZULU FEB. 26. TOLD OSMAN WE EXCEEDINGLY WORRIED RE SAFETY AMERICANS IN UGANDA AS RESULT BASELESS CHARGE USG INVOLVED IN ATTEMPT OVERTHROW AMIN. THIS COULD INFLAME UGANDAN OPINION AGAINST AMERICANS EVEN IF INTENTIONS OF UNPREDICTABLE AMIN IN SUMMONING ALL AMERICANS IN UGANDA TO MEETING FEB. 28 WERE HARMLESS. OSMAN, WHO HAD JUST RECEIVED CABLE FROM GOS CHARGE KAMPALA REPORTING AMIN'S CABLE TO PRESIDENT CARTER, SAID HE FULLY AGREED BUT NOTED CHARGE'S MESSAGE SAID AMIN HAD ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT TELLING UGANDANS TO REMAIN CALM AND THAT MEETING WITH AMERICANS WAS NO CAUSE

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FOR CONCERN.

2. I THEN SAID USG HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY GRATEFUL FOR NIMEIRI'S SUCCESSFUL INTERVENTION IN TEN AMERICAN HOSTAGE CASES IN ERITREA OVER PAST TWO YEARS AND KNEW OF PRESIDENT'S HELPFUL OFFER ASSIST IN CASE OF BRITISH AUTHOR HELD BY AMIN YEAR AGO. FOR THESE REASONS GOVT HAD INSTRUCTED ME REQUEST URGENT GOOD

OFFICES FRIENDLY GOS IN CONTACTING AMIN TO ASSURE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING AMERICANS RESIDENT IN UGANDA. OSMAN REPLIED THAT NIMEIRI AND FONMIN KHALID WOULD BE INFORMED SOONEST AND THAT HE FELT SURE NIMEIRI WOULD WISH USE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP ASSURE SAFETY THESE AMERICANS.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE GOS WILL TAKE SOME AFFIRMATIVE ACTION. I DID NOT RAISE SUBJECT STATE 042853 (NOTAL) WITH OSMAN SINCE HOPE BE SEEING FONMIN KHALID LATER IN DAY WITH AMB. SEELYE. IN ANY CASE SADAT/ASSAD NOT ARRIVING HERE UNTIL ABOUT 1130 ZULU FEB. 27 AND FIRST TRIPARTITE SESSION THUS UNLIKELY BEFORE THAT EVENING.
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